

paid their money freely in the joint enterprise, and why should not both share proportionately in the management? Why should one arrogantly say to the other, "We have the majority and will take affairs into our hands exclusively and give no heed to your wishes as to management?"

Yet this is the attitude of the Maryland board, and I submit that it is unusual, unbusiness-like, and not demanded in the interest of the canal. It causes distrust, and if adopted as a general rule would be fatal to any enterprise of canal construction.

If the majority had wrought a brilliant success it might claim that its absorption of all power was wise and for the common good, but when failure is conspicuous no reason can be found for such a policy, except in considerations outside of canal interests.

Were Gen. West upon the board it would have the benefit of the great business skill and experience of a gentleman employed by the government, and the interests of the canal would be the interests of the district respecting the canal. He would give it his time and close attention from a purely business standpoint and revive a hope and confidence, now fast fading, in that enterprise.

It is but proper to add that I learned with pleasure Gov. Hamilton, one of the board of public works, is favorable to the management of the canal solely upon business principles. It would seem that necessity is the mother of invention; and when the majority shall happily inaugurate that policy in earnest, then and not before will there be an end to distrust, and, as I believe, the beginning of financial success with still lower rates for commerce.

Regarding that my report must take so largely the nature of a protest, I have the honor to be, very truly yours,

J. B. EDMONDS,  
Commissioner District Columbia.

#### THE NAVY YARD FORCE.

##### No Probability of a Great Change in Case it is Converted into an Arsenal.

The recommendation of the navy yard commission, and its approval by Secretary Chandler, that the Washington navy yard be dropped from the list, and be designated as a naval arsenal, has caused something of a stir among those who are supposed to hold some place at the yard. If the advice of the commission is carried out there will be a score of employees, who in these piping times of peace, enjoy the luxury of good salaries and nominal work, thrown upon the tender mercies of a pitiless world. The specific lopping off urged by the navy yard commission involves more than a dozen or so bosses, foremen, shipwrights, etc., but if the plan for converting the navy yard into an arsenal is strictly fulfilled, the destructive sweep will be much broader, and will reach many clerks who have good places, and various bosses of bureaus whose rolls of workmen are not large.

The plan of the commission is to convert the navy yard into an arsenal for the manufacture of war material under the supervision of equipment and ordnance, the production of sheet copper in the construction department, and, in certain contingencies, the manufacture of standard articles in the steam engineering department. It is proposed to do with the following employees: Master shipwright, quartermaster carpenter, quartermaster painter, quartermaster joiner, quartermaster calker, master laborer, master painter, master cooper, master cooper smith, foreman machinist, and second class foreman sailmaker. The daily pay roll at the yards will be thus reduced from \$109,55 to \$67,24.

A reporter of THE REPUBLICAN, who rode out to the navy yard yesterday, was continuously received by Capt. Greer, who said that none of the naval officers would be surprised by the report of the commission. However anxious the people of Washington might be to continue the navy yard here, it was a fact agreed to by all informed on the subject that the location is in every way unfavorable for the building of war vessels. Materials have to be transported from too great a distance, and the freight cost is enormous. The water here is also too shallow, though in time this drawback might be remedied. Capt. Greer said he did not think there was any necessity for a scare among the men now employed at the yard, as there would be plenty of work, and even more than there is now when the present establishment is converted into an arsenal. The pay roll this time numbers about 150 men. The ordnance department is probably the best organized and the best equipped among all the various "bureaus." The employees number 153, and Capt. Greer says that most of them have grown up in the business right in the shop. Fortunately politics have never invaded this department, none of the men ever having been employed on account of their party convictions. Of course whether the navy yard is converted into an arsenal or not the ordnance department will remain.

It is probable that there will be a slaughter of the clerks and "writers" in the several bureaus. The clerical force as now arranged is as follows: Paymaster's department, 1 clerk and 2 writers; ordnance department, 1 clerk, 1 clerk; provision and clothing department, 1 clerk; ordnance department, 1 clerk and 1 writer; yards and docks, 2 clerks, 1 special hand, and 1 writer; steam engineering department, 1 clerk and 2 writers; construction department, 1 clerk and 2 writers.

While many of these gentlemen are invaluable accountants, it was hinted to the reporter that some complain of a lack of clerks as a little agitated over the prospect of abolishing the navy yard, as they fear that the various bureaus that now exist may be so merged that a large reduction of the clerical force will become necessary.

Everything about the yard appeared to the reporter's eye to be in trim and tip-top style. The copper rolling mill was running under full blast. Everybody was busy in the steam engineering department, and in the ordnance shops enormous blocks of solid steel were being drilled into cannons. The copper made at the Washington navy yard is of the finest quality, and large quantities of thin rolled sheets are now being boxed and stored in the mill. A large force is also at work in the shops, where immense heaps of scrap iron are being converted into bars and then into broad sheets.

**Local Items.**

J. Temple Brown, of the national museum, Smithsonian institution, who has been sick for some time, has had a relapse, and is again confined to his bed.

A number of newspaper men of this city and Baltimore have been invited by Dr. Hays, proprietor of the Bay Ridge hotel, at Bay Ridge, Md., to attend the opening of the hotel on Saturday next.

Dr. Chas. G. Stone, of Brightwood, D. C. has been joined in wedlock to Miss Florence Rappley, daughter of W. W. Rappley, esq. The marriage took place at Annapolis, Montgomery county, Md., the residence of the bride's father, and was attended by only the immediate friends of the family, Rev. O. Marriot conducting the ceremonies.

Special evening services were held yesterday at the church of the Incarnation, corner of Twelfth and N streets northwest, the day being known to the church as St. Barnabas' day.

Yesterday the West End ball club defeated the Stevens school nine by a score of 30 to 2, and the Magnolia by 23 to 18.

The Washington Base Ball association would like all clubs having amateur players under 21 to join the association.

Mr. N. Demonges, for a number of years past the president of the Societe Francaise de Bienfaisance, of this city, has had the misfortune to become totally blind.

**Resolutions of Regret.**

A meeting of the alumni and students of the law department of Howard university was held at Lincoln hall yesterday. A set of resolutions deploring the death of James H. S. Parker, who died at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 19, 1883, and eulogizing his many qualities, was adopted. After the reading of the resolutions, prefaced with a few words by Mr. Richards, remarks were made by J. W. Cromwell, of the Advoctate; Mr. Hicks, Miss Gillette, Mr. H. E. Baker, of Mississippi; Henderson, Ewing, Dr. Draper, of Tennessee; and Prof. John D. Smith, and a poem was read by Mrs. G. D. Havens.

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#### THE MISSING MAJOR.

##### A Transfer of Property to His Second Wife Before Flight—Sudden Death of Miss Carter, Mrs. Nickerson's Sister.

There were no developments yesterday as to the whereabouts of Maj. A. H. Nickerson who suddenly fled from this city Saturday night, as already detailed in THE REPUBLICAN. Inquiries made at army headquarters and at the office of the secretary of war were not rewarded by even a hint as to where the fugitive might be. In fact the authorities are completely in the dark as to where Nickerson has gone, and have not yet been able to find a trace of him. The impression most general among those who know him in Washington is that he has immigrated to the west, where he will remain in obscurity until his troubles blow over.

It appears from the appended letter that Maj. Nickerson, before shaking the dust of Washington from his feet, took the precaution to place his few household goods in the hands of a lawyer, to be held in trust for the benefit of his wife and children. The letter directing the transfer of his house to wife No. 2 is as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31, 1883.—TO WILLIAM B. MATTHEWS, TRUSTEE.—I hereby authorize and direct that you transfer and convey to Lena Carter Nickerson, formerly known as Lena Carter, my right and interest in the lot two (2) square one hundred and fourteen (114), intersection of north P and Twentieth streets west, house number seven (7) Dupont circle, in the city of Washington, D. C., which property was conveyed to me by Thomas Sheridan and wife as a fee, dated June 13, 1881, in book No. 1099, folio 162, of record of lands, District of Columbia, in trust for my sole use and benefit.

A. H. NICKERSON.

The records of the office of recorder of deeds show that on the day the above letter was written, May 31, Trustee Matthews signed a deed conveying the property to Mrs. Nickerson (No. 2), as directed in the letter. The deed was witnessed by Pattison Sprigg and George J. Meekling, and acknowledged before John E. Beall, notary public. It was received for record at 12:40 p. m., June 3.

REPUBLICAN reporter called yesterday afternoon at the Nickerson residence on Dupont circle with a view, if possible, of obtaining some clue to the whereabouts of the missing major. The reporter was surprised to observe from the door and an undertaker's wagon in front of the house. At the house he was informed that Miss Carter, a sister of Mrs. Nickerson, had suddenly died about 12 o'clock, adding an unexpected calamity to the troubles that already burdened the family. Mrs. Carter, the mother of Mrs. Nickerson, was in the house, completely prostrated by the death of her daughter. Miss Carter has been afflicted with consumption for some time, and it was known that she could not live long, but her death came at an unexpected hour, being due to a hemorrhage brought on by a violent fit of coughing. A number of kind neighbors were with the bereaved mother last evening, and she was the recipient of much sympathy. Those who knew her account her the praise of being a lady of superior attainments.

**BIKE RACES AT ATHLETIC PARK TO-DAY.**

**A DRAMATIC SCENE.**

**Wonderful Phases of an Insane Man's Mind—The Inquiry Into the Case of Charles E. Hanson at Elliott City.**

Charles Edward Hanson, who murdered his friend and neighbor, Charles Ridgely White, near Elliott City, Md., some time ago, has been taken to the Spring Grove lunatic asylum. Proceedings were had in the court room at Saturday at Elliott City. It appears that a vein of insanity runs through the Hanson family, as some years ago a sister of Hanson manifested symptoms of mental derangement, and was for some time an inmate of the same asylum, where her brother is now to be confined for life. Since the recent tragedy this lady, who it was supposed had recovered her reason, and had been again taken to the White mansion, had manifested fresh symptoms of mental derangement, and a few days ago was taken back to the institution. Investigation into the mental condition of Hanson at the time he killed White was made in the court room in the presence of a large number of spectators, including the relatives and friends of the two families involved in the distressing affair, as already explained in the account of the killing at the time in THE REPUBLICAN. The only explanation offered by the murderer was that he had been inspired by the devil to slay White in retaliation for the death of his (Hanson's) sister. Hanson imagined had been killed by White some twenty years ago, but who as a matter of fact died of consumption. This fact was testified to by members of the White and Hanson families. Mrs. Hanson, brother of the prisoner, related many circumstances going to show that for many years the accused had suffered from mental derangement, but he was believed to be perfectly sane. On subjects relating to the management of the estate he was perfectly rational. The testimony of several physicians, including Dr. Grundy, the physician in charge of Spring Grove lunatic asylum, gave evidence corroborative of the mental incapacity of the prisoner. Among the witnesses was a sister of the prisoner, whose story was listened to with great interest, and went to prove unmistakably the insanity of the prisoner.

Hanson, the prisoner, was next placed on the stand, but was not sworn. He appeared easy and self possessed, and answered the questions put to him briefly and intelligently. He was, he said, 34 years of age, and at the present of course proceeded to give a detail how he managed the estate. After this a dramatic scene occurred.

"I went to California," said Hanson, "not only for my health, but to fulfill my duties as a good disciple of the Soldier's Creed. At that point a singular change came over the unfortunate man. His figure seemed to swell with rage, his eyes flashed, and a torrent of words poured forth between his clenched teeth, which he uttered in a hoarse, guttural voice. The calm intelligence of the early stages of the examination disappeared, and in its place came the frenzied utterances of a mad man, whose voice rang through the court room, arousing emotions causing an uneasy sensation of pity and horror among the auditors. His utterances were devoted entirely to wild, irrational charges against the man he had murdered, which would have been absurd had they been uttered by a sane man in the court room with horror. Counsel and court sat quietly back and allowed the unfortunate man to rave without intermission probably for three quarters of an hour, evidently with the intention of allowing the jury time to form their own opinion as to the mental condition of the man. Finally, Judge Miller rapped on his desk, and in a mild tone said: 'Mr. Hanson, I think the jury understand all about that. Now tell the court, you have named, you killed Mr. White, didn't you?'"

The prisoner, No. sir. The killing was God's own act done on this earth.

The next question of the court was a trivial one in reference to the Hanson farm, propounded with the view of studying the phases of the madman's delusion. At the first intimation of a change of the subject the prisoner's countenance instantly changed, his wildness disappeared, and in a low, gentlemanly tone he replied with the intelligence of an experienced farmer to all the questions propounded by the court. He was then allowed to sit down.

After some further testimony the jury returned a verdict of insanity, and the court sentenced the prisoner to the insane asylum. He accompanied the officers quietly.

**Grand Opening.**

The sample and billiard parlors, 937 and 939 D street northwest, under Daily Post building. An excellent lunch served on Wednesday, June 13, 1883. A. De Grammont, Proprietor.

**Death of J. W. Starr.**

Mr. John W. Starr, who has been a resident of the district for more than eighteen years, died at the Riggs house yesterday morning rather suddenly. Mr. Starr was for many years of the of St. Paul and Northern Pacific railroad, and had been extensively engaged in that business lately. He leaves a wife and no children. The funeral will take place at the Riggs house this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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